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JESUS PLEADS

Man of peace. LOVE Park regular Philly Jesus vows to keep preaching after entering a not guilty plea to misdemeanor charges of disturbing the peace. PAGE 02

Philly Jesus, who was recently arrested for soliciting at LOVE Park, enters the Criminal Justice Center in Center City on Wednesday. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

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Turning the other cheek: Philly Jesus retrieves his staff as he leaves the Criminal Justice Center. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER

Philly Jesus pleads not guilty in court

Misdemeanors. Philly character says he believes his trial for panhandling will "spread the word of God."

The first coming of Jesus caused a storm at Philadelphia's Criminal Justice Center.

Mike Grant, the bearded Christ imitator who was arrested at LOVE Park last month, entered a plea of not guilty Tuesday, signing paperwork to confirm his decision and promising to return to court Dec. 15.

Well known in the park, where he typically preaches and poses for photographs with tourists, Philly Jesus, as Grant is known, became an international sensation following his arrest on charges of loitering and disorderly conduct.

Moments before he appeared, a sheriff who was asked if he'd seen a man dressed as Jesus enter the courthouse shouted back: "Are you kidding me? No!"

"I haven't seen Jesus, and I have had enough of the crazies!" the deputy shouted — moments before Philly Jesus did in fact enter.

Courthouse security guards made Philly Jesus surrender the wooden staff he usually carries.

Inside the courtroom, other defendants nudged each other and pointed, whispering, "That's Jesus."

After meeting the judge, Philly Jesus held an impromptu press conference.

"God's going to use this to further me into my destiny," he said. "My destiny is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ to all creation in a visual experience. ... I plan on doing this the rest of my life."

Charles M. Gibbs, Philly Jesus's criminal defense attorney, declined to discuss the specifics of the case but called the charges "ridiculous."

"The average citizen sees a person who is finding a way to be one with their Lord and savior, and to be crucified by local government for that is astonishing, disturbing and downright disgusting," Gibbs said.

Philly Jesus's words

"The Bible says to love your enemies. That's what Jesus said, to love your enemies. Pray for the ones that persecute you."

- "I'm gonna pray for them. I'm gonna love them. I'm gonna show them love while being persecuted."

Visit **Metro.us** to read more about Philly Jesus's exploits.

Quoted

"It's terrible. He doesn't really do anything bad to anyone."
David Jules, 22

"I think it's kind of a bummer. He's not doing anything wrong, he's just here, trying to promote himself."
Philip Masturzo, 23

"Who? I don't even know what that is."
Jubilee Holland, 14

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Carter / CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Washington-bound. Philly native Ashton Carter to take over as secretary of defense

Philadelphia native Ashton Carter, 60, is expected to be nominated by Obama as the country's next Secretary of Defense, according to press reports.

The 60-year-old, who was born in the city and graduated from Abington High School in 1972, recently served as the No. 2 leader of the Pentagon and prior to that as its chief weapons buyer.

Carter was in line for the job in 2013 but was passed over for Chuck Hagel, the Washington Post reported. Hagel lasted less than two years.

Carter, a Rhodes scholar, earned degrees from Yale and a doctorate in theoretical physics from Oxford University.

The next defense chief will join a national security team facing crises on multiple fronts — from the U.S.-led fight against Islamic State and Syria to Russia's aggression in Ukraine, global efforts to contain Iran's influence and an assertive China.

Carter, a theoretical physicist with no uniformed military experience, held high-ranking positions at the Pentagon in recent years, outside the glare of the media. He was deputy defense secretary from 2011 to 2013, and an assistant secretary of defense under President Bill Clinton. He was also the Pentagon's chief weapons buyer from 2009-11 when he led a major restructuring of the F-35 fighter jet program. METRO, REUTERS

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A man smokes in Center City Philadelphia on Wednesday. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER

Clubs, bars want smokers back

Smoke break. The city council is studying a request from several bars and gentlemen's clubs to let them allow smoking.

Four Philly bars say they want to be able to serve smokers, claiming that the city's ban on burning tobacco is hurting their profits.

Pyramid Temple No. 1, Club Risque, Grumpy's bar and Christine Gentleman's Club asked the Council to exempt them from the city's Clean Indoor Air Worker Protection Law.

"I'm opposed to secondary smoke of any type," City Councilman Dennis O'Brien said at the Health and Human Services Committee meeting Wednesday. "I believe it opens a Pandora's Box. This is seven years after the waivers were granted."

James Buehler, the city's health commissioner, said allowing more establishments to "chip away" at the law, which was approved in 2007, would become "detrimental to public health."

When the original bill passed, officials allowed for establishments to submit exceptions, and those "were meant to be a one-time waiver application period for small bars and private clubs. ... It was never meant to be reopened."

Quoted

"In regards to our specific private club ... the third floor is the only floor where you would encounter second-hand smoke. Most of us are there because we are cigar smokers and that's something that we enjoy willingly."

Ray Robinson,
Pyramid Temple No.1 on Girard Avenue is requesting a waiver

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Fresh coat. Commodore Barry Bridge to get a new paint job

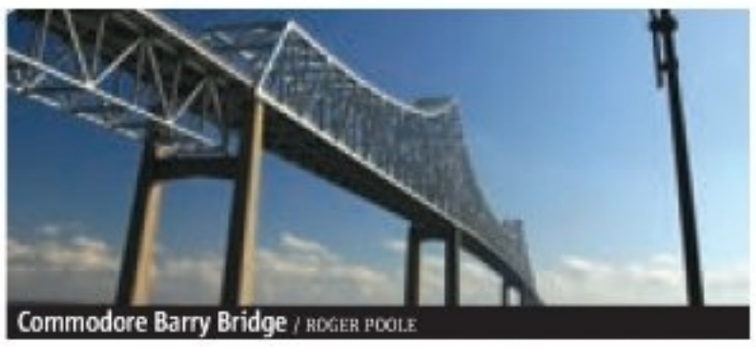
The Commodore Barry Bridge is getting a facelift.

A new $100 million paint job was approved Wednesday by the Delaware River Port Authority (DRPA). The painting still requires approval from the full board, which meets next week.

Painters will tackle the five-year project in three phases, which will begin in January and last through 2019, DRPA Deputy CEO Mike Conallen said Wednesday.

The bridge, which opened in 1964, links Chester to Logan Township, New Jersey. It will be stripped and leaded paint will be removed before the new coat is applied.

The bridge stretches 13,912 feet across the Delaware River and more than 6 million drivers use it each year. It is considered the third-busiest of the DRPA's four regional toll bridges. TOMMY ROWAN


Commodore Barry Bridge / ROGER POOLE

Philly man posts Facebook threat to Ferguson cop

Seattle. Facebook posts threatening to kill police officers land Philly native in federal lockup.

Jaleel Tariq Abdul-Jabbaar

Are there any REAL BLACK MEN that would love to go down to Ferguson Missouri to give back those bullets that Police Officer Darren Wilson Fired into the body of Mike Brown. If we're unable to locate Officer Wilson then We'll return them to his wife and if not her then his children.

2 shares

The post; below is Abdul-Jabbaar / FACEBOOK; PROVIDED

Jaleel Tariq Abdul-Jabbaar, 46, an IT specialist and Philadelphia native who was living near Seattle, was arrested Monday on federal charges of making interstate threats for a series of Facebook posts in which he threatened to murder former Ferguson police officer Darren Wilson and his family.

A photo of Wilson, who killed 18-year-old Michael Brown in August in Ferguson, Missouri, was posted on Nov. 24 by Abdul-Jabbaar along with the message, "Ready to go and kill some cops," according to court papers.

A St. Louis-area grand jury announced that they had found "no probable cause" to indict Wilson for Brown's death, leading to demonstrations and protests nationwide and in Philadelphia.

"We need to kill this white motha f—, and anything that has a badge on," Abdul-Jabbaar posted later that evening.

According to court documents, Abdul-Jabbaar posted numerous such threats directed at Wilson, his family members and white police officers, as well as a photograph of a decapitated white person.

The FBI found "additional Facebook records" that indicate Abdul-Jabbaar was trying to acquire a firearm.

Abdul-Jabbaar was previously convicted of felony possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance in September 1992, in Philadelphia, as well as illegal possession of a firearm in Washington in 2009 for involvement in a "shoot-out," according to court papers.

Abdul-Jabbaar could face up to five years in prison.

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Facebook posts

On Facebook, Abdul-Jabbaar wrote about killing Darren Wilson, his family, and police officers in general, according to Washington federal prosecutors.

- He allegedly sent a message to a friend after the grand jury announcement saying, "I'm going to Ferguson," and asking for help acquiring a gun, saying, "If I cant get a 40 cal then I'll run with a 9mm," prosecutors say.

Darren Wilson / GETTY IMAGES

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Norristown

Teacher pleads guilty to student sex

A 34-year-old Norristown high school math teacher pleaded guilty Tuesday to engaging in an inappropriate sexual relationship with her 17-year-old student.

Erica Ginnetti, who lives in Philadelphia, sent sexually explicit text messages and videos to her Lower Moreland Township School District student before the two had sex in her car in July 2013. She faces up to 14 years in prison. METRO

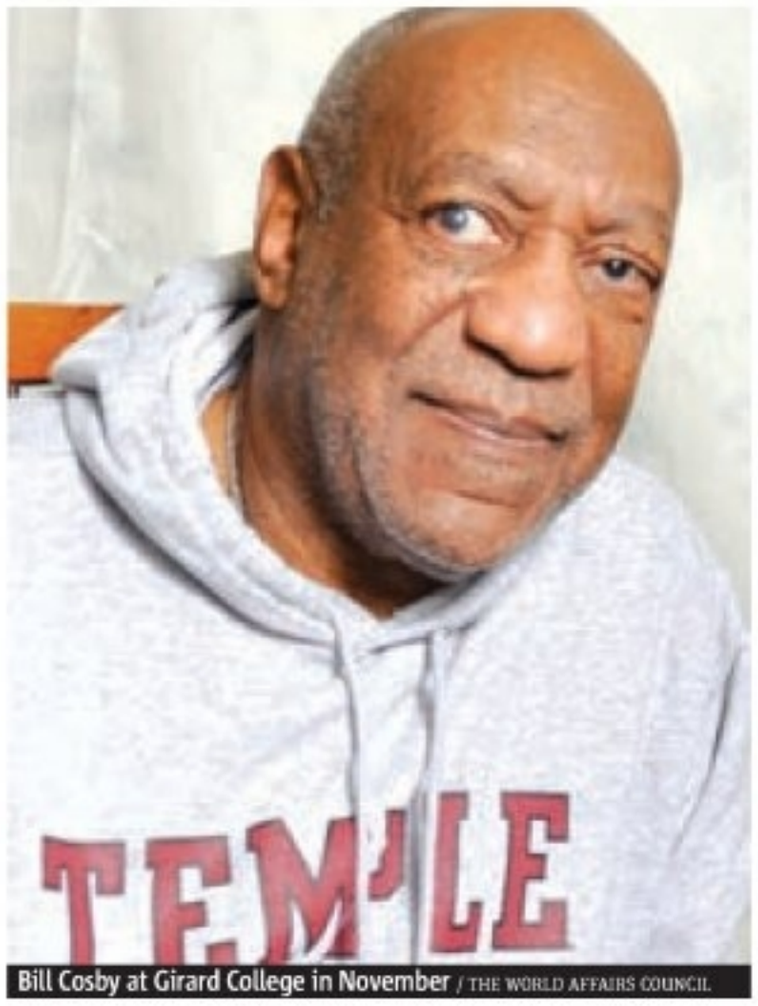
Erica Ann Ginnetti / COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY DA

Three women detail sexual allegations against Cosby

Forty years later. Beleaguered comedian Bill Cosby's accusers speak out at a press conference.

Three women on Wednesday came together to speak publicly about their allegations that comedian Bill Cosby sexually abused and groped them decades ago, a day after Cosby was sued by a woman who said he molested her when she was a teenager in 1974.

The women, one who says she was 17 at the time of her encounter with Cosby, each sobbed while reading statements at a news conference organized by celebrity attorney Gloria Allred.



Bill Cosby at Girard College in November / THE WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL

By the numbers

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Cosby's age at the time of the alleged rape

77

He is currently 77 years old.

Allred proposed that Cosby should waive the statute of limitations that protects him from decades-old allegations from more than a dozen women.

Cosby's attorney has called allegations against Cosby discredited and defamatory and was not immediately available for comment.

A woman who gave her name only as Chelan said that as a 17-year-old working at the Las Vegas Hilton in 1986, Cosby drugged her, gave her alcohol and began to fondle her before she blacked out.

Beth Ferrier, who had come forward with allegations against the 77-year-old Cosby last month, said the comedian gave her a coffee drink that caused her to lose consciousness and she later woke up with her bra undone in the backseat of her car.

Ferrier said she was one of the several "Jane Does" in a 2005 civil lawsuit that made similar accusations against Cosby and was later settled.

Another woman, Helen Hayes, accused Cosby of groping her breast at a restaurant in 1973. REUTERS

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The first digital 3-D presidential portrait

Digital image of Obama's face / SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

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Presidential digital scanning

Bust was a 3-D print

Barack Obama is the first U.S. president to have a portrait produced by a 3-D printer. The one-of-a-kind bust — now on display at the Smithsonian Castle in Washington, D.C. — was created using new Light Stage face scanner technology devised by the University of Southern California's Institute for Creative Technologies. MWN

Creator's viewpoint

"The Smithsonian Institution had an ambitious vision to create the first-ever 3-D printed model of a president."

Paul Debevec, inventor of Light Stage

The President needed to tolerate one second of flashing lights. / THE WHITE HOUSE

By the numbers

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Eighty photographs were taken of President Barack Obama in one second using the Light Stage face scanner, in the setting of 50 light sources mounted in a futuristic-looking quarter-circle of aluminum scaffolding. The portraits of President Barack Obama were created based on data collected by a Smithsonian-led team of 3-D digital imaging specialists and include a digital and 3-D printed bust and life mask.

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US believes Iran launched air raids on Islamic State

Tehran. A senior Iranian official denied that Iran had launched any such strikes.

The United States has indications that Iran has carried out airstrikes on Islamic State targets in Iraq in recent days in what appeared to be the first such operations by Iran's air force, U.S. officials said on Wednesday.

Speaking on condition of anonymity, officials said the United States had indications that Iran had used F-4 Phantoms to launch the raids in Diyala near the Iranian border in the last several days.

John Kerry addresses a meeting of the coalition trying to crush the Islamic State. / GETTY IMAGES

An Iraqi security expert gave a slightly different account, saying the strikes took place 10 days ago. "It is true that Iranian planes hit some targets in Diyala. Of course the government denies it because they have no radars," Hisham al-Hashemi told Reuters.

"Iran and Turkey are the only regional operators of the F-4, and with the location of the incident not far from the Iranian border and Turkey's unwillingness to get involved in the conflict militarily, indicators point to this being an Islamic Republic of Iran Air Force aircraft," said Gareth Jennings of IHS Jane's Defence Weekly.

Secretary of State John Kerry declined to comment.

"I am not going to make any announcements, or confirm or deny the reported military action of another country in Iraq. It is up to them (the Iranians) or up to the Iraqis to do that if it did indeed take place," Kerry told a news conference in Brussels. REUTERS

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No indictment in NYC police choke hold case

A man holds a banner as he takes part during a protest in support of Eric Garner at Union Square in New York City. / GETTY IMAGES

Demonstrators. A large number of protesters demonstrated throughout New York City.

A New York City grand jury decision not to charge a white police officer who killed an unarmed black man with a choke hold sparked outrage and protests on Wednesday, and the Justice Department said it would investigate the incident.

Eric Garner, a 43-year-old father of six, was illegally selling cigarettes on July 17 when police officers tackled him and put him in a choke hold. Police said he had been resisting arrest. The city's medical examiner ruled the death a homicide.

The deadly encounter on Staten Island, New York City's smallest borough, was captured on video, which quickly spread over the Internet and fueled debate about how police use force, particularly against minorities.

About two dozen demonstrators lay down in Grand Central Terminal's main hall in Manhattan in a silent protest as the evening rush hour began. In Times Square, about 200 people gathered, chanting "No indictment is denial. We want a public trial."

President Barack Obama, while not directly commenting on the case, said the grand jury decision spoke to "the concern on the part of too many minority communities that law enforcement is not working with them and dealing with them in a fair way." REUTERS

Quoted

"We are not going to let up until we see a strengthening of trust and strengthening of accountability that exists between our communities and our law enforcement."
Obama

Maryland

Two men charged in reported Johns Hopkins frat rape

Two Baltimore-area men have been charged with raping a teenage girl at an off-campus Johns Hopkins University fraternity, a police spokesman said on Wednesday.

Baltimore police charged Chaz Haggins, 20, and Ethan Turner, 19, with rape and sexual offenses involving a 16-year-old girl on Nov. 2.

The victim told police she was forced to perform sex acts and was later raped by the two men during a party at the off-campus Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, according to charging documents.

The victim had been drinking and had a blood alcohol level of 0.11 when taken for treatment at a hospital, the spokesman said. Legal intoxication in Maryland is a blood alcohol level from 0.04 to 0.08.

In a statement, Johns Hopkins said the two suspects and the victim were not students at the school. REUTERS

Quoted

"We also have been working with the leadership of all Johns Hopkins fraternities to implement their interim plan for enhancing the safety and well-being of attendees at their social events." The school said in a statement

Workers with Raven Drilling line up a pipe while drilling for oil in the Bakken shale formation outside Watford City, North Dakota. / GETTY IMAGES

Fed says economy expanding, shale production steady

On target. The Beige Book report found weather and fuel prices spurred consumer spending.

U.S. economic activity continued to expand in October and November, with lower gasoline prices boosting consumer spending, the Federal Reserve said on Wednesday.

In its Beige Book report of anecdotal information on business activity collected from contacts nationwide on or before Nov. 24, the central bank said a number of its districts remained optimistic about the outlook.

"Consumer spending continued to trend higher in most districts in October and November," the Fed said. "Some contacts viewed lower gasoline prices as a contributing factor to higher consumer spending, and an early cold spell helped spur sales of winter apparel in several districts."

Despite a sharp drop in crude oil prices, drilling activity in shale production districts remained steady, the Beige Book showed. Oil prices have declined since June and touched a five-year low early this week. REUTERS

Quoted

"Upward wage pressures continued to be evident for certain types of occupations and for skilled workers." The Fed

Hacked

Investigators find links to N. Korea in Sony attack probe

Hackers used tools in a devastating cyber attack on Sony Pictures Entertainment that were based on ones used in similar attacks conducted against South Korea by North Korea, a person familiar with the company's investigation said on Wednesday.

The attack exposed massive volumes of internal company data and shut down the company's computer systems for a week.

The FBI and Department of Homeland Security are conducting a separate investigation into the attack. REUTERS

Cheap fuel. First US gas station drops below $2 per gallon

An Oncue Express station in Oklahoma City was selling gasoline for $1.99 a gallon Wednesday, becoming the first one to drop below $2 in the U.S. since July 30, 2010, Patrick DeHaan, a senior petroleum analyst at GasBuddy Organization Inc., said by email from Chicago.

"We knew when we saw crude oil prices drop last week that we'd break the $2 threshold pretty soon, but we didn't know if it would happen in South Carolina, Texas, Missouri or Oklahoma," said DeHaan, senior petroleum analyst for Gasbuddy. "Today's national average, $2.74, now makes the current price we pay a whopping 51 cents per gallon less than what we paid a year ago."

Pump prices / GETTY IMAGES

Gasoline is sliding after OPEC decided last week not to cut production amid a global glut of oil that has already dragged international oil prices down by 39 percent in the past five months. Pump prices have fallen by almost a dollar since reaching this year's high on April 26. BLOOMBERG

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1 Lady Gaga puts those Taylor Swift rumors to rest

R. Kelly looks like an unwilling participant in the Lady Gaga/Taylor Swift sandwich. / ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

During a recent visit to Howard Stern's radio show, Lady Gaga set the record straight about herself and another pop music titan. Stern pressed Gaga with, "Someone called in and said that you are now a lover of Taylor Swift's, that the two of you are making love to one another." That guy, such a way with words. Anyway, Gaga insists there's nothing of the sort going on — though she'd be totally down if Swift wanted to give it a whirl. "I don't think she would be into that," Gaga replied, adding later, "If she's into that, she can call me."

And in a totally Lady Gaga move, the "Bad Romance" singer revealed that she likes Swift because Swift listens to her music, a piece of info Gaga picked up from a stylist they share. According to Gaga, Swift "was doing a shoot and he was in there styling her … and he goes, 'Taylor Swift is in here blasting "Artpop" so loud, and she is dancing and she is posing,' and I said to myself, 'I like this girl.'"

2 A lot of people like to stream Ed Sheeran

Millions of people stream Ed Sheeran's music, probably even Victoria's Secret Angels.

Who's the undisputed king of online music? Ed Sheeran is. The cuddly British ginger was the most-streamed artist in 2014, according to Spotify, with a staggering 860 million individual streams of his songs, while his album "X" was the most-streamed album globally with 430 million listens. I guess that month I spent streaming the "Flash Gordon" soundtrack on repeat didn't make as much of an impact as I'd hoped. Of course, there's no mention of Spotify-ditching Taylor Swift in the report, so maybe Sheeran's win should come with an asterisk. Now, for some truly terrifying numbers: Spotify's more than 50 million registered users streamed more than 7 billion hours of music this year — adding up to about 800,000 years of music, and maybe a few annoying audiobook ads.

Daily video

Reese Witherspoon reimagines some Christmas classics

During a visit to "The Tonight Show," Reese Witherspoon got a chance to update some classic Christmas carols with nonsense lyrics. "Jingle Bells," for instance, becomes "Small Old Man." Witherspoon isn't totally convinced at first, but she eventually comes around — and really sells the sure-to-be-a-classic "Squeeze the Cheese and Poke the Pony."

YOUTUBE, THE TONIGHT SHOW STARRING JIMMY FALLON

3 Rosario Dawson shuts down Matt Lauer

During an interview on the "Today" show to promote her role in the new film "Top Five," Rosario Dawson had to firmly but politely put Matt Lauer in his place when he tried to steer the conversation toward Dawson's recent adoption of a 12-year-old daughter. "I very rarely talk about tabloid speculation, and this is not an exception," she scolds Lauer. "My family is incredibly private — most of us, anyway." Consider yourself told, Matt.

Faking it on stage

Theater. Team Sunshine is looking into the art of suspending disbelief — for the next 24 years.

This installment of "The Sincerity Project" runs Dec. 4 through Dec. 13 at the FringeArts theater (140 N. Columbus Blvd., www.fringearts.com). It's pay what you wish but with a $30 donation suggested. / JEN CLEARY

Theater naturally asks for a certain degree of suspension of disbelief from its audiences. No matter how convincing the actors or how compelling the drama, the well-appointed parlor or bloody battlefield on the other side of the proscenium is obviously not real. That became a subject of fascination for the members of local experimental theater group Team Sunshine Performance Corporation, who decided to explore the art of the real with their ambitious new piece, "The Sincerity Project."

"So often, theater feels kind of fake," says director and Team Sunshine co-founder Alex Torra. "You can feel a lot of the fiction going on if something doesn't feel fully lived in or alive. So instead of taking on the task of trying to make something that's not genuine feel genuine, we decided to start with the real."

Through a combination of storytelling, performance art, physical theater, music and dance, the cast of "The Sincerity Project" will expose themselves and their lives, in both confessional and physical senses. And they plan to repeat that process in new iterations every three years for the next 24 years, letting committed audiences track them over time.

"We're trying to build a structure that allows us to always see real people right in front of us, " Torra explains. "Sometimes that's right now, in this moment, but as we move forward the hope is that there will always be a ghost of the past."

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Who's who

Being honest

The cast embarking on this quarter-century documentation of their lives ranges in age from 26 to 44, and includes a brother and sister as well as a pair of exes (who were still a couple when the process began more than two years ago). Despite the 18-year span covered by the actors, their interests converged around the ideas of partnership and family, particularly the early stages of considering or actually having children.

"That seems to be a big gathering point for us right now," Torra says. "But I think that every iteration of the show will reveal a particular aspect of people in this general part of their lives."

As for Torra himself, he says he has "no idea" how he'll change over the course of the project. "My job as an artist is to always be honest with myself about where I am artistically and what I'm interested in at the moment," he says. "Everything in my life feels temporary right now. But I'm 35, so I'm getting to a point where I'm starting to look for the things that will be around longer than just right now."

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Q&A MICHAEL RAPAPORT TAKES ON THE KNICKS

Michael Rapaport's (inset) doc "When the Garden Was Eden," now on Netflix Instant, looks back on the Knicks' old championship-winning lineups. / ESPN, GETTY IMAGES (INSET)

Interview. The actor-filmmaker got to meet his basketball heroes when he made "When the Garden Was Eden."

Michael Rapaport points out that he was "in the womb" in 1970 when the New York Knicks won their first NBA championship and only 3 when they won their second. That didn't stop the actor-filmmaker from directing "When the Garden Was Eden," a documentary now on Netflix Instant about the team's storied lineups from the late-'60s through mid-'70s.

What's your own history with the Knicks?
I wanted to be a basketball player when I was growing up. That was my life. Growing up in New York City, the Knicks were my team. The fabric of those championship teams is something I learned about at an early age. Even before I saw them I heard about Walt Frazier, I heard about Earl Monroe, I heard about Willis Reed. Walt Frazier was iconic at that time. And over 40 years, as the team had highs and lows but never got over the hump of winning that championship, you continue to go back to those old teams. There would be no movie if the Knicks would have won two or three championships since then.

It's amazing to see a time when the NBA was so small and unloved, especially compared to now.
They played in the NBA when it was a mom-and-pop league. There were eight teams. They didn't make a living. It's hard for us to understand that, because everyone knows who LeBron is, you know who Kobe is. They're like Apple; they're brands. But at [that] time these guys had jobs — not just during the off-season, but while they were playing in the f—ing NBA. John Havlicek [of the Celtics] was a sales rep! They were young men and were getting drafted into the army. They were doing service with the National Guard while they were with the Knicks. Cazzie Russell would leave practice and on the weekends would be with the National Guard. That wasn't like the National Guard today. There were riots and s—. Cazzie Russell was on the roof during the Chicago riots with a gun while he was a Knick!

Online

Haters gonna hate

You've also done a doc about A Tribe Called Quest ('Beats, Rhymes & Life').
These are subjects that are so meaningful to people. I feel I have a responsibility to them. I tell my producers that if it sucks, people are coming after me. I might get some credit if it's good, but if it sucks I'm the one who's going to get screamed at. They'd call me a "f—ing piece of s—" on Twitter, or if I'm on a train they'd be like, "Hey, you f—ed up the Knicks movie." That s— is dangerous.

Do you get that a lot?
On Twitter, everybody gets it. God rest his soul, but Nelson Mandela would get heckled on Twitter. People say wild stuff to you on Twitter. They think they're talking to you.

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Metro rounds up what's in cinemas this week.

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Critics will have to learn what the hell "The Pyramid" is along with its expendable cast. / DIDIER BAVEREL

1 'The Pyramid' The holiday season is a profitable time at the movies, which is why Hollywood decided to release — well, dump — just one wide release this weekend: some horror thing about people trapped inside one of Egypt's world wonders.

2 'Point and Shoot' In this "truth is stranger than fiction" doc, a restless American heads out to Libya in time to take part in their revolution, only to find himself a prisoner of war.

3 'Penguins of Madagascar' Amazingly, it took the makers of the undying animal toon franchise nearly a decade to realize they should give the films' aquatic birds their own spinoff movie. Are people even still nuts for penguins? Anyway, this is actually delightful.

4 'Horrible Bosses 2' Instead of going next-level, the sequel to the surprise hit goes down a peg, having its three antiheroes attempting to merely kidnap, not kill, a mean jerk (Chris Pine).

5 'The Hunger Games: Mockingjay — Part 1' Suzanne Collins' dystopian saga is the latest to have one of its books divided into two movies, though this means all the big action is pushed off until "Part 2," which won't come out for another year.

6 'Foxcatcher' A comedic actor (Steve Carell) and a stud (Channing Tatum) try to prove their dramatic bona fides in this docudrama, with the former playing deranged and moneyed murderer John Du Pont.

7 'Antarctica: A Year on Ice' Already the subject of one of Werner Herzog's better docs ("Encounters at the End of the World"), the continent gets a more straight-ahead look, with cameras there to observe a year in one of the planet's coldest spots.

8 'The Theory of Everything' Stephen Hawking gets the full Great Man biopic treatment, with Eddie Redmayne playing the theoretical physicist into his older age. Felicity Jones plays Jane, his wife.

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Sandra Oh turns to crowdfunding

Interview. The "Grey's Anatomy" star follows up her TV run with a fresh film project, but she needs your help to get it made.

After 10 seasons on "Grey's Anatomy," actress Sandra Oh is going in a very different direction. Oh is lending her voice and producing power to "Window Horses," an animated film about a young Canadian poet of Chinese and Iranian descent. And she's learning a lot about the world of crowdfunding, thanks to the films extensive Indiegogo campaign.

What was it about this project that spoke to you?
"Window Horses" is pro-girl, it's pro-tolerance, it's pro-diversity and it's set in the world of poetry. I realized while watching things that are geared toward young people, young girls, I still do not see myself represented as an Asian person — even with the headway that we have made.

How do you think we get to a place where projects that are pro-girl and pro-diversity don't just seem like no-brainers?
I honestly don't know. I'm fully aware that the Indiegogo campaign is an outsider's way of making work, and that's why it appeals to me. Having been inside in some ways for the past decade on a very successful and very well-funded television show, I just want to take what I know from that and bring it to another audience — an audience who is not as well-represented, who actually wants to hear different stories, not mainstream stories.

SANDRA OH
FILMMAGIC

Bonus question

How has it been so far interacting with this underrepresented audience?
It's mysterious in its own way because you have no idea what will happen; and I just hope that people will see it and say, "I want to see a stick figure character who has two little slits for eyes and is wearing a chador. I want to see her up there so I'm going to donate."

It's a platform to connect with people — to connect with like-minded people. Just the amount of people who have responded to it and want to tell their own stories, it's a like a floodgate. When people — or let's say larger organizations or paradigm structures — say that no one wants to hear these stories, I just don't believe it. I don't believe it at all.

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Holiday cards. There's no wrong way to deliver a thoughtful, beautiful note.

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Just in time for stationery's High Holy season, we checked in with the Hirschfelds for tips on sending the perfect holiday card.

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By the numbers

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Trending now

Popular cards

Niche invites
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5 Gift picks for kids

Toys. Children will freak when they see one of these under the tree.

Whether you're an in-the-know parent or a clueless aunt or uncle, knowing what to buy for a kid can be tricky. And you know how kids are: They won't act like they love something if they really don't, so the pressure is on. We sorted through hundreds of the latest and greatest toys at the 2014 Time to Play Holiday Showcase and picked five of the best.

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1. Disney's 'Frozen' Sing & Swing Olaf

"Frozen" came out last November, but kids are still going crazy for it. One of the newest and cutest "Frozen" toys is this plush Olaf, which sings "In Summer" when you squeeze it. While he sings, his mouth and head bob along to the beat and his body swings in a little dance. If you're gift-hunting for a 3-to-6-year old, this is sure to put a smile on his or her face. **$24.99, TOYS "R" US**

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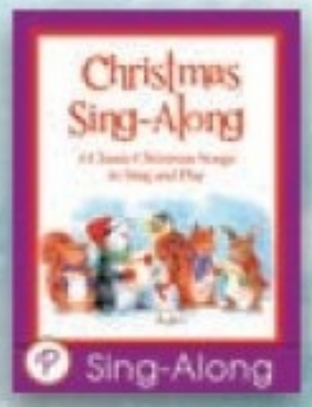

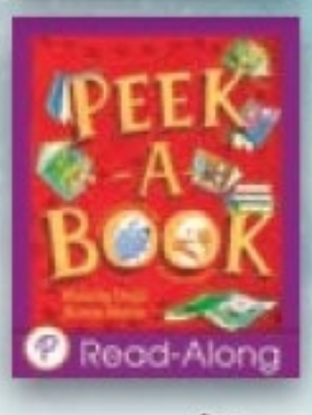

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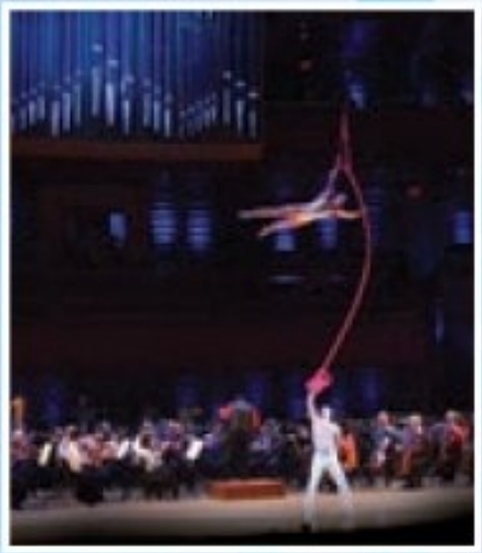

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5 Box sets for the holidays

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Streaming video, we're told, has killed DVD and Blu-ray. That doesn't mean it should have. Not everything is available online and, thanks to complex rights issues, what's online won't be there forever, or even until next week. Here are five splashy box sets of actual discs to cram into someone's stocking this consumer season.

MATT PRIGGE
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"The Sopranos': The Complete Series'

To be frank, the old DVDs of The Greatest Show Ever looked like crap: washed out, filled with digital hiccups, begging for loving HD treatment. It finally has it, and replowing through the 86 hours means revisiting the late James Gandolfini, whose work still seems fresh. **$279.98**

HBO

TIME LIFE

"The Wonder Years": Complete Series'

When "TWY" premiered in 1988, the show was looking back on an alien past from 20 years prior. Meanwhile, those looking back on this show are looking at it from 26 years. Sorry, but you're old. **$249.95-$299.95**

WARNER BROS.

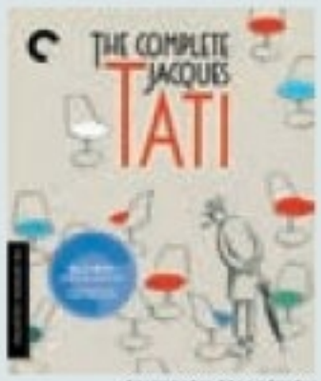
'Stanley Kubrick: The Masterpiece Collection'

There are only a handful of filmmakers who stayed true to themselves amid the studio system, and luckily one of them made "2001" and what may be his real masterpiece, "Barry Lyndon." **$199.99**

SHOUT! FACTORY

"Pee-wee's Playhouse': The Complete Series'

Paul Reuben's man-child is back, with an actual new film in the works. It's as good a time as any to revisit his Saturday morning staple, which tended to be more manic than all of the day's 'toons combined. **$149.95**



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Michelle Phan's next moves

Beyond YouTube. The vlogger's fans number in the millions, and now the entrepreneur is releasing her first book and launching a record label.

Makeup artist Michelle Phan's YouTube beauty channel has more regular viewers than most prime-time TV shows. To date, the 27-year-old has 7 million subscribers to her self-titled platform, and her videos have been viewed in excess of 1 billion times. Now, the Boston-born self-made celebrity, who already has a cosmetics collection called Em in collaboration with L'Oreal, tells Metro why she's publishing her own so-called "self-empowering" book "Make Up: Your Life Guide to Beauty, Style and Success — Online and Off."

How did you first get into makeup?
From observing the way rosy cheeks and red lips transformed Belle in "Beauty and the Beast" to watching my mother's daily beauty ritual. When I was finally allowed to try eyeliner myself, I was hooked on makeup – and the sense of confidence and empowerment it gave me. For me, makeup is art: It's a way to be creative.

What's it like to be considered a 'makeup guru'?
I don't see myself as a makeup guru but more of a "beauty bestie" — your big sister giving you tips to bring out your best.

What kind of advice can we find in your book?
My book will cover everything from beauty to lifestyle tips. If you want to hear my tips about etiquette and manners or even learn a bit more about me and how I got my start, this would be a great read for you.

If you could only keep one piece of clothing and one makeup item, what would they be?
It would be a nice oversized scarf that can be turned into a dress. As for my one makeup item, my Em Shade Play concealer palette. I use it to spot-treat discoloration around my eyes, lips and nose. It comes with six hues that you can mix to conceal, highlight and neutralize.

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The future

A successful channel, a makeup line, a book: Do you have any other exciting upcoming projects?
I recently partnered with Cutting Edge Group and will be launching my own record label, Shift Music Group. I wanted to create a platform that would provide opportunities for artists, by not only promoting their music in my videos, but giving them further opportunities to get their music heard.

Michelle Phan is expanding into the music business. / MICHELLE PHAN

Tip

OK, I need advice: Tonight is my first date with this guy. What should I wear?

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Deal with relationship issues in a healthy way

Making it work.
Learn how to bring up concerns without causing a fight.

The No. 1 question people in couples' counseling have, says psychologist Julia Colwell, is "How do we communicate better?"

"People really want to be able to talk, but they can't for some reason," says Colwell, the author of the new book "The Relationship Skills Workbook."

Here are some of Colwell's tips for how people in relationships can learn to express themselves freely.

Don't lash out when you're angry. / INGRAM PUBLISHING

Don't lose yourself in the relationship

One of the most common problems Colwell sees is when one half of a couple knows something is wrong, but doesn't take any steps to address it. "They think: 'We are having a good time and I don't want to wreck it,'" says Colwell. "So they are pretending."

Don't be accusatory

"Instead of saying 'I feel like you don't pay attention to me' say something like 'It makes me feel sad when [we don't talk].'" Colwell suggests. "Emotions are simple," Colwell continues. "Saying 'I am scared because…' or 'My stomach is in a knot...' is better because there is a whole other level of intimacy with that.'"

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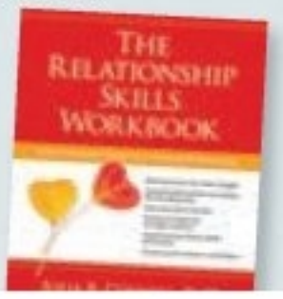
Breathe

Take time to compose yourself

Lashing out in the heat of the moment is never a good idea, says Colwell. "Take a walk or go get a drink [if you're upset]," she suggests. "Trying to problem-solve in that state is a really bad idea because it just gets worse and worse. It's best to wait at least 15 to 20 minutes."



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Classing it up in No Libs

New restaurant. Love P.O.P.E. on East Passyunk? Come meet its sexy cousin to the north.

From the beer-obsessed folks that brought us P.O.P.E. in South Philly comes new Northern Liberties joint Bardot. Running the kitchen at the swankier, sexier and decidedly more sophisticated spot is Rhett Vellner, formerly of Resurrection Ale House. We caught up with Vellner to learn about the new digs as well as his old roots.

How are things going at Bardot so far?
Things are great. It's starting to really take off. People are finding out that we're tucked away in Northern Liberties. It's a nice crowd here.

Before Bardot, you were at Resurrection Ale House. How do you feel about it closing after five years?
I was kind of bummed to hear the news. [Owners] Brendan [Hartranft] and Leigh [Maida] have always been really great to me and I'm super thankful that they gave me the opportunity when Joey, the original chef, left for New York. They are people that are always trying to push and grow, so I'm sure that this was a business decision. I'm sure they're looking for something new, and it wouldn't surprise me if they kept growing their restaurants.

Are there big differences between coming into an established kitchen like Resurrection and helping start one like Bardot?
Yeah, there's definitely a big difference. Bardot gave me a chance to start from the beginning and develop a concept that was 100 percent mine. At Resurrection, I worked there for over a year and then was asked to take over the kitchen. My job then was continue that feel and slowly give it my own touch.

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Romance

P.O.P.E. is such a neighborhood favorite. Is there pressure to meet the bar that P.O.P.E. set while still letting Bardot to be its own thing?
We're trying to do it totally differently up here. It's like night and day. There's been a lot of time spent planning every aspect of the restaurant, from the interior to the wine selection and the cocktails we developed. Where P.O.P.E. is the rock 'n' roll spot that everyone loves, and it's a really fun time, Bardot is something different. It's more romantic and feminine, more like a lounge.

Rhett Vellner helms the kitchen at Bardot (447 Poplar St.). It's open for dinner and till late every night, as well as for brunch on weekends. / PROVIDED

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Cocktail

The Winter Vacation

Ingredients

1 oz. Hennessy V.S
1 oz. Velvet Falernum
.25 oz. Lemon juice
5 oz. Hibiscus tea (hot)
Lemon wheel and a cinnamon stick

Directions

Add all ingredients to a heatproof glass mug and stir to combine. Garnish with a lemon wheel and a cinnamon stick.

Twirl around the ice, have a cup of cocoa in The Lodge, then shop Art Star's handmade crafts. / G. WIDMAN FOR VISIT PHILADELPHIA

Tree lighting. Start off the holiday season at Winterfest

Blue Cross RiverRink Winterfest is back for the season, this year boasting one of the city's biggest real Christmas trees. The 43-foot, 5,000-pound tree will be lit Friday night.

Head to Winterfest (on the Delaware River; Market Street at Columbus Boulevard) at 6:45 p.m. for performances by Olde Towne Carolers, Sister City Girls Choir, Philadelphia Dance Academy and more, plus the Philadelphia Symmetry Synchronized Skating Team on the rink. The tree lighting follows.

The Art Star boutique pop-up is also open, if you want to squeeze in some holiday shopping.

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DANCE

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www.paintedbride.org
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'Outside Mullingar'

Through Dec. 28
Suzanne Roberts Theater, 480 S. Broad St.; $59, 215-985-0420; www.philadelphiatheatrecompany.org
This show by "Doubt" playwright John Patrick Shanley revolves around two feuding Irish families, the Muldoons and the Reillys, who are in a dispute over a tiny strip of land between their properties. The conflict is ultimately in the hands of the families' respective heirs, Rosemary and Anthony, but their feelings for each other don't quite match, to say the least.

MUSIC

Two Bachs and Telemann

Friday, 8 p.m.
American Philosophical Society, 427 Chestnut St.; $24-$34, 215-755-8776; www.tempestadimare.org
Baroque orchestra Tempesta di Mare presents a program showing the musical family resemblance between a father (J.S. Bach), a son (C.P.E. Bach) and a godfather to the son (Telemann), contrasting the elder Bach's idiosyncratic traditionalism with the younger's anticipation of the coming classical style, and Telemann's position between the two.

ANDREW KAHL

GOING OUT

TOY

Saturday, 7 p.m.
Fire and Ice
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MUSIC

Toh Kay

Sunday, 8 p.m.
World Cafe Live
3025 Walnut St.
$13-$15, 215-222-1400
www.worldcafelive.com
Toh Kay is the solo moniker of Tomas Kalnoky, frontman of New Jersey ska band the Streetlight Manifesto. All the songs he plays as Toh Kay are also Streetlight Manifesto songs, but he performs them in stripped-down, slowed-down acoustic versions, exchanging his impassioned bark for a folksy whisper, revealing the tunes' hidden emotional depth.

ART

Burn This Book ASAP: A Forum of Public Prologues

Thursday, 5 p.m.
The Galleries at Moore
20th St. and Ben Franklin Pkwy.
Free, 215-965-4027
www.moore.edu/the-galleries-at-moore
For this participatory art event, inspired by the work of Mircea Canto, you're asked to bring a book you want burned for any reason, serious or silly — and announce your reasons publicly. Then they'll collect the books and donate them to the Friends of the Free Library bookstore. It's not quite a bonfire, but it ought to ignite some conversation.

Cal Schenkel

Saturday through Dec. 27
Imperfect Gallery
5601 Green St.
Free, 917-957-4504
www.imperfectgallery.com
Fans of weirdo rock will want to catch this exhibition of the work of Cal Schenkel, who designed demented album covers for Captain Beefheart and Frank Zappa as well as less out-there artists like Tom Waits and Three Dog Night. The show also includes non-album works. Schenkel will appear for a signing at the opening reception on Saturday at 7 p.m.

COMEDY

'People of Interest'

Thursday, 10:30 p.m.
Adrienne Theater
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Philly Improv Theater's Ryan Barlow hosts this parody of a public radio interview show, in which he plays Terry Gross to a fictional "special guest" played by another improv comic. Running off Barlow's initial premise, the two comics spontaneously craft the biography of the improbable guest, whether it's a "controversial" artist, a calmly insane "expert," or a dubious government official.

DANCE

'Time-Bound'

Friday and Saturday
Conwell Dance Theater
1801 N. Broad St.
$15-$20, 800-298-4200
www.liacourascenter.com
What does it mean to be bound in time? Physicists and philosophers have tackled the question for centuries, but the five Temple University seniors who've put this show together are seeking an answer by strictly artistic means. Each will perform his or her own solo work, together offering multiple perspectives.

MOVIES

'Star Trek' — 35 Years on 35mm: A Retrospective

Friday through Dec. 10
Roxy Theater
2023 Sansom St.
$10-$50, 267-639-9508
www.filmadelphia.org
To celebrate the 35th anniversary of the first "Star Trek" film, the Philadelphia Film Society and Geekadelphia team up to screen all "Star Trek" installments over the next week, with special introductions and trivia from a variety of hosts. This ought to distract you (briefly) from the pain of having to wait a whole year for the next "Star Wars."

MATTHEW DINARO

Horoscope

Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. Education is an ongoing search for knowledge. You will outmaneuver the competition if you continue to hone your skills.

Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20. Whether decorating your home or renovating to better suit your needs, ask others in the home to help you.

Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18. Overly emotional or irrational outbursts will cause others to alienate you. Prevent hurt feelings or angry confrontations by thinking matters through.

Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. Turn something you enjoy into a money-making venture. Extracurricular activities will help round out your social life.

Aries | March 21-April 20. Don't expect everyone to agree with you. Work diligently to get everything in place before you share your plans.

Taurus | April 21-May 21. Financial and personal disappointments are likely if you don't keep your emotions in check. Consider the motives of anyone who is soliciting a donation.

Gemini | May 22-June 20. Your stress level is on the rise. Altering your surroundings will change the dynamics of your current problem or situation.

Cancer | June 21-July 22. Others may not agree with your plans, but you have the expertise and intelligence to make your dreams come to life.

Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. Take a step back before you make a irreversible decision. Observe what's going on around you and determine the extent of the situation and the consequences.

Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. An unfortunate misunderstanding with one close to you is apparent. Be aware of the pressures that you both are facing.

Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. Love is on the rise. Your creativity level is high, allowing you to come up with solutions to any challenge you face.

Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. With your energy, you will breeze through tasks. Taking on duties will boost your reputation, but be sure to leave some time for fun pastimes. EUGENIA LAST

Sudoku: Easy and hard

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Letters

Not psyched about Sykes

Re: 'Three secrets to managing your time' (Metro, Dec. 2) This Tim Sykes "financial column" is completely ridiculous. He consistently talks about how much money he makes and adds nothing of relevance to a reader that is not a part of his cult. Bragging and showboating in order to get people to subscribe to his scam and piggyback off his stock trades — this column is shameful.
JOSHUA POWERS, VIA EMAIL

Can you please get rid of Timothy Sykes's blog?! He is so conceited and I really hate to see what he thinks. I also can't believe he wrote about how "sad" it is that Darren Wilson had to resign!
TINA LAGERSTEDT, VIA EMAIL

No place for a young girl

Let me preface this by saying I believe Bill Cosby is guilty. But now, Judith Huth 56, has filed suit claiming that Cosby molested her in 1974 at the Playboy mansion when she was 15 years old. Her father, Robert, 82, says of Cosby "I hope he gets what's coming to him." I have a question for Mr. Huth — What the hell is a 15-year-old girl doing at the Playboy mansion, and what kind of father lets his 15-year-old daughter attend a "function" at the Playboy mansion?
ROBERT LAROSA, VIA EMAIL

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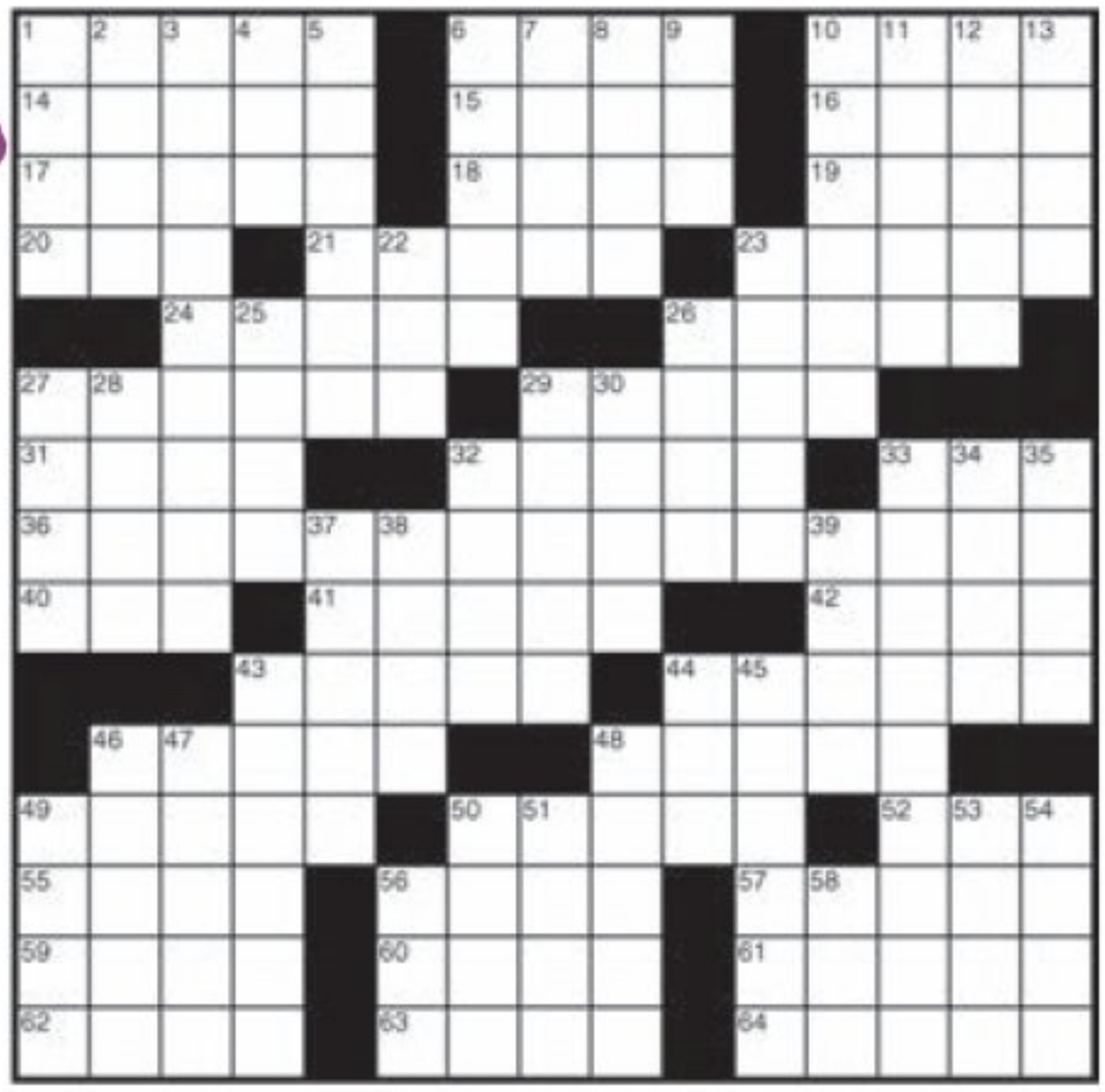

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Staying put

Kelly not Florida bound

When asked for a response to rumors that Chip Kelly might consider leaving the Eagles for the University of Florida the coach said "I laugh." He added: "I think it's silly because it's a rumor. It's not the truth. I think things that are false are silly. ... Football questions, anybody?"

PLENTY OF MOVES LEFT FOR FANTASY PLAYOFFS

If you've been reading this column since July, you've made the playoffs and are now just hoping your players don't get hurt while you're on a playoff bye. It's a wonderful feeling. Don't let the sting of the champagne in your eyes blind you for a week, though. There are still moves to be made that can put us in the best position to win our semifinal matchup.

The Ravens defense is a good bye-week pickup as they play the Jaguars in Week 15. / GETTY IMAGES

On the defensive

The time to map out a plan for your D/ST is now. All that matters is matchups, so even if you've been riding a good one like Seattle or New England all year, it's OK to move on. Jumping ahead a week to Week 15, the Chiefs host the Raiders and the Ravens host the Jaguars. Sell out to get them on your roster immediately. Other quality options include the Rams (home vs. Drew Stanton) and the Titans (home vs. Geno Smith).

Handcuffs

Fantasy teams that are good enough to earn byes usually have a stacked starting lineup. The only way we're going to need our bench is if an injury strikes — so handcuffing is more profitable than a mediocre reserve like Larry Fitzgerald or Fred Jackson. The running back handcuffs are obvious — Knile Davis to Jamaal Charles, Joseph Randle to DeMarco Murray, etc. But Demaryius Thomas/Emmanuel Sanders owners should also stash Cody Latimer and Rob Gronkowski owners should have Tim Wright. Prepare for the worst and hope for the best.

NFL matchups

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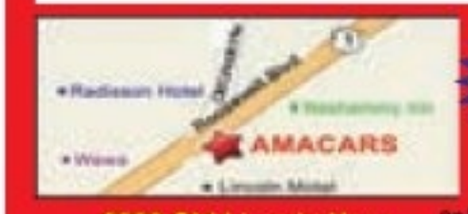

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Another week, another mobile quarterback

NFL. The Eagles prepare to try and stop 'Hawks QB Russell Wilson heading into their Week 14 game.

Wilson has a respectable 94.7 QB rating this season. / GETTY IMAGES

There are always players who slipped away, and Russell Wilson fits the description as one of those players the Eagles missed out on.

Multiple reports circulating during the 2012 draft implied that the Birds coveted the Wisconsin signal caller, but Wilson was taken off the board at No. 75 overall, 13 picks before the Eagles "settled" for Nick Foles.

Three years later, the Seahawks have a championship and the Eagles are still looking for their franchise quarterback.

His numbers are impressive: a 63.7 completion percentage with 64 touchdowns and just 24 interceptions. He has also tallied 1,707 yards and nine rushing touchdowns so far as a pro.

So how do the Eagles prepare to stop him?

"It's difficult because we don't have anybody as athletic," Eagles coach Chip Kelly said. "But that's no different than any quarterback you face. We didn't have anybody that could simulate Cam Newton. We don't have a 6-foot-5, 250-pounder — unless we went to the Sixers and grabbed one of their power forwards."

The Birds harassed Newton in Week 10 and were able to keep equally mobile Colin Kaepernick in check in their Week 4 loss, but there is something special about Wilson that makes him different.

"He throws the ball extremely well," Eagles offensive coordinator Pat Shurmur, who was with the Browns when he scouted Wilson in 2012. "And you know, you put it all together, I think they found a good system for him in Seattle. He's playing well. He led his team to a Super Bowl, and it's not a surprise to me after watching him come out."

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Seattle scouting

Kelly familiar with Carroll, Seahawks

For the second time this season Chip Kelly will face an old college buddy.

After battling with 49ers coach Jim Harbaugh back in Week 4, the former Oregon and Pac-12 skipper faces another familiar foe in Week 14 in Pete Carroll and the Seahawks.

Kelly visited the Seahawks back in 2010 and still remembers a lot about the team.

"I was just watching practice," Kelly said. "I've known Pete. We were in the same league together. I've got a tremendous amount of respect for him. He did an unbelievable job when he was at USC and he's doing the same exact thing with the Seahawks."

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MLB. Dodgers, Red Sox contend for Hamels in latest trade rumors

The rumors continue to swirl around Cole Hamels.

The Red Sox, who clamor for an ace, might intensify their efforts for Hamels if free agent lefty Jon Lester accepts the Cubs $138 million offer.

There are also rumors that the Dodgers have a keen interest in acquiring Hamels. Much like the Red Sox, the Dodgers have a surplus of young, gifted ballplayers. The question is will the Red Sox or Dodgers part with its top-tier talent for one of baseball's few aces?

"I think if you have the chance to get Hamels, who is one of the best in the game, and you're as close as the Dodgers are, you pull the trigger," an NL executive said. "If I were the Dodgers, I would give up the prospects for Hamels. How many big-time prospects have failed?"

Too many to name. Many can't-miss prospects — like Matt Laporta, Lastings Milledge and Merkin Valdez — often miss.

If the Dodgers added Hamels, they would be the prohibitive favorite to win the NL pennant.

"Can you imagine a rotation of [NL MVP/ Cy Young Award winner Clayton] Kershaw, [Zach] Greinke and Hamels?" the NL scout said. "Who could match up with that?"

A month before Hamels signed his extension with the Phillies in July 2012, Kershaw was vocal about King Cole trading red pinstripes for Dodger blue.

"We would love to have him on our side," Kershaw said. "Cole is a great pitcher. I think it would be a great match. I would be surprised if he doesn't sign with the Dodgers."

Well, Kershaw was surprised then, but the Dodgers have a chance to land the Southern California native. Would the Dodgers part with can't-miss outfield prospect Joc Pederson, shortstop Corey Seager and/or pitcher Julio Urias? Each of those three are among the top 15 prospects in the minors.

And then there are the Red Sox, who have an embarrassment of riches as far as young talent goes. The Phillies would love to add outfielder Mookie Betts, but he is reportedly as untouchable as Hamels once was. Would the Sox part with shortstop Xander Boegarts, catcher Blake Swihart, who has been compared to Buster Posey and left-hander Henry Owens, who projects to be a No. 3 starter?

"That might seem like a lot for Red Sox fans to give up," the NL scout said. "But if you're the Phillies, you really have to get a lot for Hamels or you keep him. You don't want to make a bad trade and make a bad situation worse." ED CONDRAN

Owner upheaval?

On Oct. 2, 94WIP's Howard Eskin reported that Dave Montgomery was soon to be ousted as Phils' majority owner and his replacement would trade Hamels.

- Wednesday, several news outlets conveyed that the Eskin report was confirmed. "Sources have also told me, people close to John Middleton — again what I reported — said there is no way that he is not gonna get, at least, that three percent more he needs to be the majority owner. So, it's all gonna happen."
- "There is no question in my mind that he [Hamels] is gone," Eskin told the media. "Another source told me, he would be 'very surprised' if Hamels is not traded."

Is the asking price too high for the Phillies to move Cole Hamels? / GETTY IMAGES

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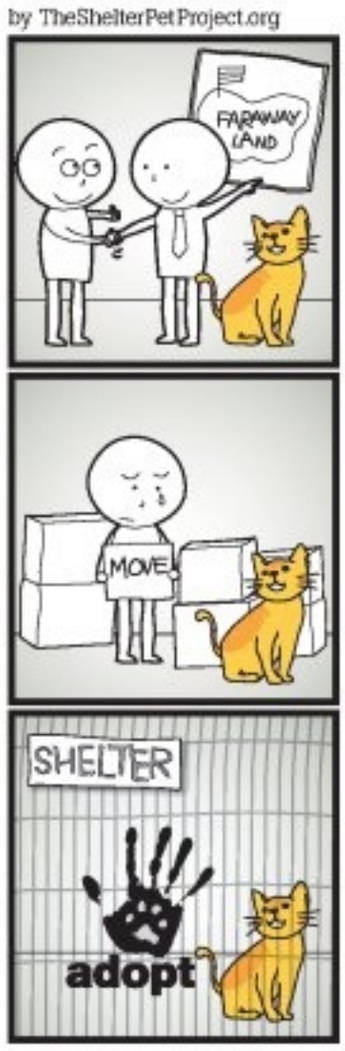

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